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*2003 Firefighter of the Year
Master Technician John C. Mayers*



Michael P. Neuhard

"I'm looking forward to working along side each of you to continue to deliver the best services possible to county citizens and visitors."

From The Fire Chief . . .

Happy New Year to all. I trust each of you had a safe and happy holiday, and that you were able to spend some time with your family and friends. Now that we are in the first months of the New Year, I hope that you will have a safe and prosperous year. I'm looking forward to working along side each of you to continue to deliver the best services possible to county citizens and visitors.

The Department ended 2003, breaking previous records for providing assistance to the Fairfax County community. In Calendar Year 2003 we responded to 90,067 incidents as reported on the Daily Incident Report, up from approximately 87,600 the last two calendar years. The break-out of incidents included: 61,502 EMS incidents, 22,761 suppression incidents, and 5,804 were public service events. All categories increased over CY2002. Your commitment and dedication ensured timely responses and quality service and care for each of those events. Thanks to each of you for your continued commitment to this community.

I hope each of you were able to say good-bye to Captain Will Seng in your own special way. Thank you all for the moving and professional tributes you provided to Will and his family at his memorial service. The funeral, motorcade, internment, and reception provided a memorable tribute to Will's life and career. His family was honored and overwhelmed by the sea of blue which filled the church and lined the road at the cemetery. Will's

sons will forever hold the tribute to his father in their memories.

I am extremely proud of this organization and each of you as members. Will's memorial service exemplifies who we are and what we can do. Be proud of yourselves, the organization, and the work that we do. Always remember those, like Will, who have gone before us.

Several of the groups working on the initiatives I identified in the summer are concluding their work. The EMS Restructure Committee has published a draft report, held two town meetings, received written comments, and will soon be finalizing the report providing recommendations. The Promotional and Career Development Committee is finalizing their draft recommendations and will conduct town meetings in early March. The Diversity Task Force will meet with me in the next several weeks to discuss progress, and the Volunteer Initiative is finalizing its scope of work.

Additionally, several Strategic Planning Committees are completing their work. The EMS Recruitment and Retention Committee has completed their report and by the time you read this we will have published the draft report and held town meetings. When results are combined with the work of the other committees we will be able to communicate the plans for the development and direction of the Department over the next several years. I encourage you to participate in the town meetings or submit your comments in writing concerning each of the reports. These reports will provide the basis of our future.

Work is continuing on the holdover/recall situation, particularly as it pertains

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Residents Provide Feedback ...

From The Family of Kelley Parker

November 19, 2003

To the Paramedics and Firefighters of Bailey's Crossroads:

One of Kelley Parker's greatest desires these last few months was to convey her gratitude to all of you who have transported her to hospitals, many, many times over the last few years. She often reminded us that in addition to lifesaving care, she received comfort and compassion from you during the emergency runs to the hospital.

Sadly, Kelley passed away on November 13, as you know. Our family wishes now to carry out her wishes of providing gift certificates to the crew at Bailey's Crossroads Fire and Rescue Station 10 for a pizza thank-you dinner. We hope these certificates for \$500 will provide a few happy meals over the next few weeks in Kelley's memory. We also enclose gift certificates from Giant Foods totaling \$250 to provide funds for a hearty steak dinner on Kelley as well.

Our family also wishes to thank you for all your caring support and for the attending of Kelley's service yesterday by David Gilmore, who himself had been on several of the hospital runs in the past with Kelley. He was able to share his memories of Kelley with us, which was a wonderful comfort.

I hoped you have noted the Washington Post Death Notice dated November 13 in which we requested any memorial to Kelley be sent to the Firefighters' Fund of Fairfax County. Please see also a copy of our enclosed letter to Penelope Gross, Mason District Supervisor.

Our hearts are full of gratitude to all of the paramedics and firefighters at Bailey's Crossroads Fire and Rescue Station 10, who have served Kelley over the years.

With Deepest Thanks,
The Family of Kelley Parker

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Master Technician John C. Mayers, 2003 Career Firefighter of the Year

Master Technician John C. Mayers has been selected to receive the Career Firefighter of the Year Award for 2003. Master Technician Mayers is assigned to Fair Oaks Fire and Rescue Station 21, C-Shift.

Master Technician Mayers is a lead instructor and member of the advisory group for the Technical Rescue Operations Team, (TROT). He has spent many hours organizing, maintaining, and coordinating daily training for the two cave-in specialty units of the Department.

Since 1989, Master Technician Mayers has served as a Technical Search and Rescue Specialist for the Fairfax County Urban Search and Rescue Team, US&R Virginia Task Force 1 (VATF-1), deploying to eight major disasters around the world. He recently assisted in the implementation of a specialized rescue course in Iceland for VATF-1.

In March, 2003, he received a meritorious valor award from the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce for heroism when he placed himself between a helpless civilian on the ground and a man jumping from a third-story window of a

townhouse.

Having seen many traumatic emergencies, Master Technician Mayers has dedicated himself to helping other firefighters cope with stressful incidents by becoming a Critical Incident Stress Management Team Peer Counselor.

He regularly conducts debriefing and diffusing meetings for personnel faced with stressful situations. He consistently places his own

personal concerns on hold to help fellow firefighters.

Master Technician Mayers leadership skills, enthusiasm, and compassion to his daily work has made him a model firefighter for all to emulate. He has given hundreds of hours of his own time to his fellow members and the Department.

The Firefighter of the Year award was established to provide special recognition for outstanding service and dedication in

keeping with the highest traditions of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department.

Master Technician Mayers is a 21-year member of the Department and resides in Prince William County, Virginia, with his wife Debi, two sons, and daughter. ♦



Chief Michael P. Neuhard, left, presents Master Technician John C. Mayers with the 2003 Firefighter of the Year Award on August 18, 2003.

Volunteer Fire Service Awards Presented

The 2002 Volunteer Fire Service Awards were presented on Monday, July 21, 2003, as part of the Board of Supervisors regular meeting. The honorees were selected by the Volunteer Fire Commission and the Fire Chief from nominations submitted by volunteer and career personnel.

Each of these individuals have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department through hundreds of hours of time spent providing emergency service and other support to the goals of the Fairfax County combined career-volunteer system. ♦

Volunteer Firefighter

Bryan Knupp
Burke Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department

Volunteer Operational Officer

Michael Masciola
Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department

Volunteer ALS Provider

Lieutenant Al Woolf
Fair Oaks Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company

Volunteer BLS Provider (Tie)

Deborah Volker
Franconia Volunteer Fire Department
Shawn Stokes
Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department

Volunteer EMS Provider

Heather Sinclair
Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department

Rookie of the Year (Tie)

John Morrison
Vienna Volunteer Fire Department
Kenneth Chotiner
Franconia Volunteer Fire Department

Administrative Officer

Keith O'Connor
Burke Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department

Administrative Member (Tie)

Leonard Bacon
Franconia Volunteer Fire Department
Ronald Waller
Annandale Volunteer Fire Department

Canteen Member

Genny Aldridge and Ann Marie Michlowski,
Vienna Volunteer Fire Department

Fire Commission Special Recognition Award

John Conroy
Department of Vehicle Services



Front Row: Keith O'Connor, Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Administrative Officer; Deborah Volker, Franconia Volunteer Fire Department, Basic Life Support Provider; Al Woolf, Fair Oaks Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Advance Life Support Provider; Genny Aldridge, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, Canteen Member; Ann Marie Michlowski, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, Canteen Member; Heather Sinclair, Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Emergency Medical Services Provider; Ronald Waller, Annandale Volunteer Fire Department, Administrative Member. Second Row: Kenneth Chotiner, Franconia Volunteer Fire Department, Rookie of the Year; Leonard Bacon, Franconia Volunteer Fire Department, Administrative Member; John Morrison, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, Rookie of the Year; Bryan Knupp, Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Firefighter of the Year; Shawn Stokes, Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Basic Life Support Provider; and Michael Masciola, Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Operational Officer.



Fire and Rescue Station 10

Mutual Box Pig Roast

Participants: Box 1000–Engine 410, Engine 428, Engine 107, Engine 109, Rescue Engine 56, Truck 410, Medic 410, Ambulance 410, Ambulance 428, Battalion Chief 404, and EMS 404

The 4th Battalion border companies spend as much time running calls with our brothers and sisters in the Arlington County Fire Department and the City of Alexandria Fire Department as we do with our own stations in Fairfax County.

Occasionally, we all get together for something other than emergency responses. On Sunday, August 17, 2003, the First Annual Mutual Box Pig Roast was held at Bailey's Crossroads Fire and Rescue Station 10 in Fairfax County. The feast was organized by all of Station 10

personnel, inviting all of our brothers and sisters that we constantly run with, regardless of jurisdiction. Under the direction of Captain I Brian P. Rooney, Fire and Rescue Station 10, C-Shift, the pig roast took a lot of planning by personnel from all three shifts. Family members of

Technician Mark G. Briskey and their escort, Lieutenant John Peters, also joined us for the pig roast.

Many stories were told and a lot of great food was consumed and mutual aide relations were further strengthened on a beautiful, mid-summer, Sunday afternoon.

Thanks to Captain Rooney and his crew for the exemplary efforts displayed in coordinating and pulling off a great morale and team building event. ❖



Box 1000 participants include firefighters from Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, Arlington County Fire Department, and City of Alexandria Fire Department

Newly Founded Fairfax Hispanic Firefighters Association

Lieutenant Raul Castillo

Public Information and Life Safety Education



The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department continues to undergo dynamic changes in providing services to our communities. It is no longer productive or

cost-effective to do business as usual. Changing demographics, funding, and service expectations now drive our Department.

With over 1,200 firefighters in Fairfax County, 600 volunteers, over 200 civilians, and approximately 50 Hispanic firefighters, the Fairfax Hispanic Firefighters Association (FHFA) is dedicated to assisting the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, Local 2068, Progressive's Firefighters, Officers Association, Retired Firefighters Association, civilians, and the volunteer system, in the delivery of services and programs. These programs reflect our growing diverse workforce and community.

We recognize that the promotion of fire and life safety education programs has resulted in the reduction of loss of life and property, locally and at the national level, but fire incidents continue to affect our Hispanic community. This is why

we at the (FHFA) acknowledge these programs and their delivery systems as our number one priority.

The FHFA stands committed to the recruitment, retention, and advancement of Hispanic firefighters and members of the FHFA by developing and conducting unbiased and cultural awareness programs. We are further committed to the formation of coalitions, and the establishment of strategic partners in the support and realization of a more responsive, productive and diverse workforce within our Department.



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From left to right: Captain II M. Anthony Barrero, Jr., Lieutenant George Gonzalez, Lieutenant Raul G. Castillo, Master Technician Mervin Barrera, and Firefighter George Loayza.

Report from Worcester, Massachusetts

By Captain II Robert C. Dubé
Fire and Rescue Academy

What a great week. That's all I can think about as I adjust to my return to work, wading through the emails, memorandums, and other related paperwork that my job has become.

For the past couple of years, I have had the privilege to travel to Worcester, Massachusetts to participate in their annual safety and survival seminar that is rapidly becoming the premier place to learn skills that can save your life on the fireground. For those of you with a short memory, and those still completely focused on the aftermath of 9-11, I remind you that on December 3, 1999, six of our brothers lost their lives in the cold storage warehouse fire that initially devastated a department but has ultimately resulted in Worcester becoming the leading department in the nation in ensuring that we in the fire service stay focused on "saving our own."

This year, for the first time, I was able to take three of our firefighters along to witness first hand what I have been saying for the past four years. Two members, Lt. Ronnie Rodriguez and Technician Phil Devereaux, teamed with two firefighters from New Jersey and won the Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) challenge event (Not just winning, but victorious by nearly 14 minutes). While these classes were going on, Captain I Joe

Knerr and I assisted with the collapse rescue "hands-on." It amazes me every time I go, how much teamwork, can-do attitude, and commitment the Worcester firefighters bring to this event. Over 100 of them *volunteer* their time to make the event a success. In a department of 400, this is an amazing testament to their dedication. The department's senior management, particularly Fire Chief Gerard Dio,

District Chief's Mike McNamee and Walter Geard, along with IAFF Local 1009, provided immeasurable support to the seminar. Leadership comes from the top and bottom throughout this department.

Don't get me wrong, the Worcester Fire Department has its share of problems. Last month they closed the main fire station downtown and relocated firefighters

to other stations. Fortunately, they have not had to have layoffs, yet. Layoffs have happened to them in the past, real layoffs, not scare tactics. Despite everything, they put forth full effort into their seminar, ensuring that everyone learns and gets a great experience out of the weekend.

Having the good fortune to be one of the instructors, I witnessed some of the behind the scenes activities that are nearly indescribable. For example, last year at the instructors' dinner, there were 25-30 of us sitting there when Chief Geard,



This banner greeted students at the Worcester, MA. seminar and served as a reminder as to why we were all there.

a veteran of over 30 years, got up to thank us for helping. When he started to mention that they wanted to provide compensation for our assistance, (no instructor charges for helping, all proceeds go to the foundation for assisting the families) Chief John Salka of FDNY got up and stated, in no uncertain terms, that no instructor should ever charge for helping here and he would not stand for it. As you can imagine, no one argued. This does not happen anywhere else, only Worcester. It's easy to see why, because they truly treat you like family, and make you feel like a member of their department.

I have gotten to know several of them very well, guys like Lt. John Griffin who I speak to every couple of weeks. I was talking to him the day before I was coming up where he mentioned I was counted in on dinner at the station the next night. I did not have to do dishes, this time.

This year, at one of the after-hours meetings, several of them were talking about the Cold Storage Warehouse fire and what exactly happened. John Griffin made a great point – they do not blame the homeless people who started the fire, the real blame went to their policies, procedures, and practices. Attacking this fire like it was another “triple-decker” stretching hand lines, searching without a tag line, (don't ask about a thermal imager, they did not have any) splitting their crews, not keeping track of where they were in the building, are the issues that need to be examined.

What can we in Fairfax County learn from this fire? Several things:

- ❑ Accountability
 - Keeping track of your personnel (do your job officers).
 - Knowing exactly what floor you are operating on.
 - Keeping your crews intact.
- ❑ Tag Lines
 - Use of tag lines in commercial buildings should be a matter of course, not secondary.
- ❑ Commercial fire equals large hand lines
 - 2 ½" hose lines should be the first choice. When was the last time you and your crew drilled with this line?



Rescuing a downed firefighter via ground ladder; notice the safety line attached to the ladder.

- ❑ Abandoned buildings
 - Operating inside known abandoned buildings should always be the last choice. It sounds like a no-brainer, but **No abandoned building is worth a firefighter's life.**
- ❑ Rapid Intervention Teams
 - Fully staffed and equipped RIT's are critical for your safety. Proactive RIT officers will learn the building, observe egress points, listen to the radio traffic, know where the ladders are, state where the ladders should be, ensure proper equipment is ready to go, have a plan, and, have a back-up plan. Keep your head in the game.
- ❑ Know your response district
 - Walk-throughs, pre-plans, and table top exercises should go hand-in-hand with the daily, yes, daily street drills. There is no substitute for knowing your buildings before the fire occurs.

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to ALS providers. We are employing a three-pronged strategy. First, we are continuing to look for day-to-day management practices that will help reduce the overall impact on positions. These efforts have led to moving certain training off shifts; shifting physicals in the upcoming months to days off; shifting 90 percent of our promotional exams into low leave months; changing the activities for ALS providers during their probationary year (starting with this recruit class (the 110th); and realigning new committees onto two shifts instead of three. It must be understood that these and other similar initiatives will not solve the problem but simply reduce several of the causative factors. Second, I am meeting with Operations, Human Resources, Department of Management and Budget (DMB), and representatives of employee groups on February 25 to discuss and decide on an interim shift in resources to provide better service while addressing the holdover/recall situation. It should be noted that this shift must be done in concert with services to the community in mind, and they must consider the long term affects of where the Department is going in the future. As a reminder, the Board of Supervisors approved our current levels of services and the Board will ultimately approve any permanent shift. And finally, I am working with the County Executive and DMB to devise strategies to close the structural deficit in our current staffing numbers that prevent us from staffing routine vacancies each day except with callback, holdover, and recall. This involves calculating the number of personnel required to close the gap and gaining the support for the funding. The County Executive and DMB understand the issues and will be working with us to resolve the problem. The provision of ALS services will play a critical role in the Department's future. I appreciate your assistance and patience as we work through this problem that has evolved over the last ten years. We must strive for solutions that make the situation better while continuing to deliver the level of service we have promised. Please stick with me.

As I close, I would like to recognize all of you who have reached out to your local community during the last year. Given our workload of over 90,000 incidents, it is a true testament to your dedication. The child you have mentored, the parents you have provided toys to so they could have a holiday for their children, or the support you have provided to a

charity have all touched lives in our community. You have added value to our core mission. Thank you. Be safe and press on.

Sincerely,

Chief Neuhard

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- ❑ Unnecessary radio traffic will cause delays in priority traffic.
 - With the amount of portable radios on today's fireground, it is critical to maintain radio discipline. If your message can be delivered face-to-face, take the time to do it. Make your radio messages short and to the point.
- ❑ Constantly train and use the thermal imager
 - Make it a matter of habit to use this device as much as possible, even during minor incidents.

It does not matter how long you have been on the job, you will always learn something at this seminar. Every year you can expect to learn a new tip or technique during the hands-on practicals or absorb information on "lessons learned" during the lecture series. In my opinion, The Worcester Firefighters Memorial Safety and Survival Seminar is the best, better than Firehouse Expo, FDIC, you name it. While those others are bigger and have more "choices," Worcester focuses on one thing, making us better at surviving on the fireground.

If you ever get the opportunity, make every effort to attend the Worcester seminar. It is an experience you will never forget. In 2004, it is scheduled for the first weekend in October. Mark your calendars now. ♦

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department History Book is available for purchase in Resource Management located on the sixth floor of the Massey Building. The book costs \$40 and includes a CD of photographs.



109th Recruit School



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Station 29, C-Shift



Firefighter
Dawn C. Amway
Station 13, C-Shift



Firefighter
Virginia K. Austria
Station 27, B-Shift



Firefighter
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Station 18, B-Shift



Firefighter
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Firefighter
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Station 22, B-Shift



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Station 40, B-Shift



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Station 36, B-Shift



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Station 14, B-Shift



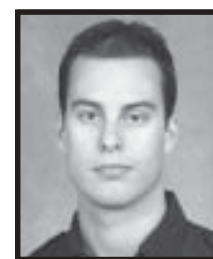
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Station 24, C-Shift



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Station 5, B-Shift



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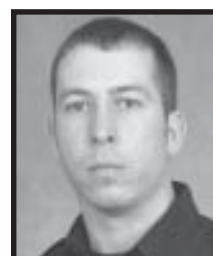
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Station 2, A-Shift



Firefighter
Scott Patrick I. Zugner
Station 39, C-Shift

Passport to Life Safety - Fire Prevention Open House

*By Captain II James T. Ghi
Fire and Rescue Station 25*

Over the past two hundred years, the general concept of fighting a fire has remained virtually unchanged. Water is applied, through a hose, to the main body of fire. What has changed is how the water is applied. With the protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus, we are able to go deeper into a structure to make rescues and extinguish fire quicker. We are able to do this through the advances in technology, training, and education. Another aspect of the firefighters job has also evolved over time. The education of the citizens we serve.

Many great fires over the years have been the catalyst for developing fire codes to make buildings safer. The Iroquois Theater fire in 1903, the Coconut Grove in 1942, Our Lady Of Angels in 1958, and more recently, The Station fire in Rhode Island, just to name a few. All of these tragedies prompted the implementation of local or national fire safety codes.

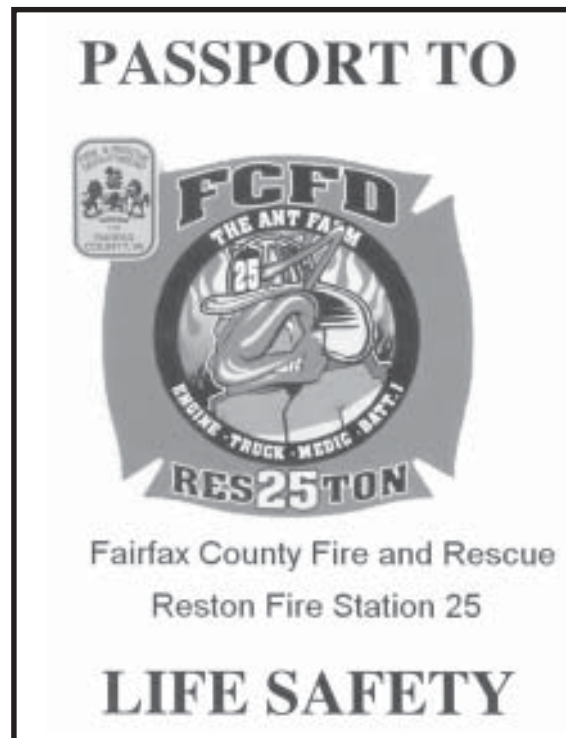
The catalyst for public fire education in the fire service, as we all know, was the great Chicago Fire of 1871. For the past 22 years of my career, during the second week in October, Fire Prevention Week has provided me the opportunity to put out the life safety education message to the public. During that time frame, I have seen firefighters develop many different and innovative ways to educate the public. Most of the time we open the firehouse, have displays

that explain several aspects of our job, have literature that summarizes how to extinguish a small stove fire, and information on escape planning. I have often wondered if anyone ever really went home and created that escape planning. I wanted to create an atmosphere at this open house that gave people the necessary information before they returned home. I then

thought about a class I took at the National Fire Academy (Developing Life Safety Strategies) and an article I recently read in a trade journal. This is how the idea for the Passport to Life Safety evolved.

In June, I approached my truck Lieutenant, George Hollingsworth, with my idea. As it turns out, he had just read the same article. I conducted a planning meeting where we discussed the basic concept and resources needed. It was agreed upon that a "passport" would be developed. The passport would be used by each

family to guide them through eight learning stations. After the family completed each learning station, they would be issued a stamp for their passport. After the family filled their passport, I would personally greet each family and sign a certificate of completion. The main idea was to give citizens some direction on what the passport provided, ensure they were given good information on the spot about life safety education, and make each and every family feel important as they were presented their certificate. In a sense, they were rewarded for



coming to Open House.

Lieutenant Hollingsworth divided the eight learning stations throughout the shift. Each person had to develop a presentation. Rough drafts of each presentation were submitted for review, along with needed resources. The necessary resources were ordered and each presentation was refined. The final draft of the learning stations and passport was completed in early September.

The eight learning stations included :

- **The Hazard House.** This was provided by the Life Safety Education Section. It is a small house that can be used to simulate common hazards in a household. The learning station was staffed with a representative from Life Safety Education. Each family had to point out the hazards they saw and how they would eliminate each hazard.
- **Kitchen Safety.** The fire station kitchen was set up with several rows of chairs. Several real props were used to demonstrate what to do if there was a fire on the stove or in the oven. Fire extinguisher use was also explained. There was a presentation every hour, but citizens were accommodated between "show times."
- **Home Safety.** A fingerprint station and display of home security hardware was provided by the Fairfax County Police Department. Home security was explained to each family and over 350 children were fingerprinted.
- **Crawl Low in Smoke.** The woman's bunk room was set up to simulate smoke in a room. This was done by hanging large black plastic sheets about four feet from the ceiling. Children, along with their parents, would come into the room. Where the process of crawling low in

smoke was explained. The children pretended they were asleep in bed. A smoke alarm was activated and the children would stay low getting out of the bed and then crawl to the door.

Information was provided by a firefighter and the thermal imager was also demonstrated.

- **Emergency Medical Station.** Blood pressures were taken. Information on the hazards of high blood pressure was explained. Additionally, EMS equipment was displayed and explained.
- **Red Cross Bingo.** The American Red Cross provided personnel who ran a child's bingo game. They also provided valuable disaster information for each family.
- **Exit Drill In The Home (E.D.I.T.H.).** At this learning station, each family drew an escape plan with the help of a firefighter. They would draw a floor plan, then agree on a meeting place. For many of the families, this was the first time this had been done.
- **Emergency Dispatch.** Here, families were educated on the dispatch of the 911 system

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Visitors to Reston Fire and Rescue Station 25 had the opportunity to learn fire safety with the use of the Hazard House. Cecil Starkey, Public Information and Life Safety Education, uses the Hazard House to demonstrate home fire safety.

Hot Shots



Four individuals were transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital with non-life threatening injuries and two were medivaced to Inova Fairfax Hospital as a result of this vehicle crash at the intersection of Burke Center Parkway and Cove Landing Road. It was determined that speed was a factor in this crash.



Firefighters arrived on the scene of this two-alarm, two-story, single-family home at 1209 Bicksler Court with fire showing. The cause of the fire was the failure of a zero-clearance fireplace.



An adult female was rescued from the basement of this two-alarm townhouse fire at 2495 Pyrenees Court, Reston, on December 5, 2003. Damages were estimated at \$162,000. One firefighter suffered minor injuries while fighting the fire.



Master Technician Matthew P. Ryan, Fire and Rescue Station 25, A-Shift, Firefighters Eric Williams and Lindsay A. Giattino, Fire and Rescue Station 38, A-Shift, fill air tanks from Light and Air 438 at the scene of the house fire at 1209 Backlick Court.



Technician Eugene W. Beach, Fire and Rescue Station 20, C-Shift, helps Janice Schechter and her pets from her flooded apartment in the Belle View section of the county. Photo by Gerald Martineau, *The Washington Post*.



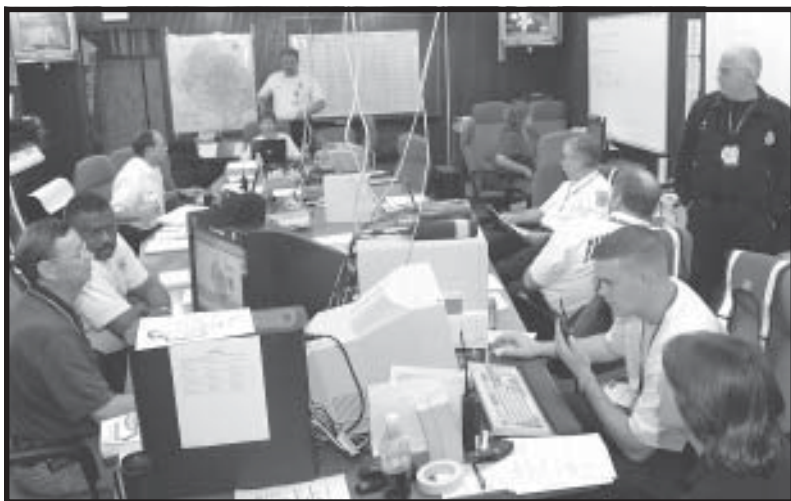
Fire Chief Michael P. Neuhard, center, speaks to citizens at Whitman Middle School along with former Fairfax County Police Chief Tom Manger, left, and Battalion Chief John J. Caussin, right.



Aerial shot of Belle View taken by the Fairfax County Police Helicopter.



Left to right: Firefighter Anthony D. Craft, Fire and Rescue Station 5, B-Shift, Technician Clifton Allen, Fire and Rescue Station 37, B-Shift, and Lieutenant William A. Garrett, Fire and Rescue Station 24, B-Shift, respond to a hazardous materials incident after a barrel of heating oil overturned in a neighborhood.



The Operations Center for Hurricane Isabel was established on the A-Level of the Massey Building. Left to Right: Ralph L. Dulaney, Captain II Clayton Thompson, Deputy Chief John Burke, Marty Smith, Captain II Dean W. Cox, Vicki Dawson, Assistant Chief Mark S. Wheatley, Battalion Chief Thomas V. Wolfe, Master Technician Clyde M. Buchanan (standing), Steve Dennis, and Captain II Christine N. Woodard.

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by a Fairfax County dispatcher. Children were given the opportunity to explain how they would call for help in an emergency and recite their home phone number and address.

To fill any gaps while residents waited for a learning station, the "Reston Theater" was in full swing, showing a new video every half hour. There was a hose station where small children could "put a knock" on a fire by spraying water at a plywood window prop. In addition, a roof ventilation demonstration was conducted using a roof mock-up built by Lieutenant Hollingsworth and other shift personnel at Fire and Rescue Station 25, A-Shift.

Also discussed early on was the use of personnel. How would we be able to maintain the flow of residents if the entire station had to respond to an emergency incident? The answer was as close as our families. Several family members volunteered to staff various learning stations. Lieutenant Hollingsworth's wife, daughter, and his daughter's fiancé greeted citizens, explaining the passport system and assisted guiding citizens through the learning stations. My daughter helped at the crawl low in the smoke learning station, her cousin assisted with the hose station and operated the smoke machine for the roof ventilation demonstration. Matt Ryan's wife assisted with the kitchen fire safety demonstration. My wife, a certified EMT, assisted at the EMS station. All of the shift family members participating were given a briefing and were not placed in a position where they would have to explain any technical aspects of firefighting or emergency medical treatment.

While speaking with each family as I signed their certificate of completion, many commented on how well the event had been organized and the valuable lessons they experienced. These discussions reinforced our conclusion that all the objectives had been met. All participants walked away with more than pamphlets on smoke alarms.

Although the "passport" concept started out as a single idea, it became an organized educational



Master Technician Matthew P. Ryan, Fire and Rescue Station 25, A-Shift, talks to Open House visitors about kitchen safety.

experience for Fairfax citizens through teamwork by all personnel at Fire and Rescue Station 25, A-Shift and our families. ❖

Residents Provide Feedback . . .

August 14, 2003

Lisa L. Gressman
6107 Asher Court
Centreville, Virginia 20121

Station #38
6001 O'Day Drive
Centreville, Virginia

Dear Firefighters,

I just want to say thanks again to the four wonderful firefighters who changed my tire for me today. I took the day off to attend my one and one-half-year-old daughter's field trip to E. C. Lawrence Park. When I blew my tire I thought I wouldn't be able to attend since I haven't changed a tire since high school and didn't know where to start. Lucky for me, I had pulled into your station and you came to my rescue. The firefighters changed my tire in no time and I was able to make the field trip. Thanks for being so helpful!

Sincerely,

Lisa L. Gressman
Technical Sergeant
United States Air Force



From left to right, Art Malacame, Kate Hanley, former Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Patrick Dean, Supervisor Penelope A. Gross, Mason District, Battalion Chief Edward M. Brinkley, Battalion 4, B-Shift, Fire Chief Michael P. Neuhard, and Steve Daves dedicate the state-of-the-art response training facility.

Response Training Facility Built Without Taxpayers Dollars

The official "Ribbon Cutting" ceremony for the new training structure at the Academy was held on Wednesday, December 3, 2003. This state-of-the-art building, primarily designed for urban search and rescue training will be used as a training facility for the entire department, as well as law enforcement and other public safety agencies. Associated

Builders and Contractors-Virginia Chapter, a group comprising of many area construction and building trade companies, constructed the facility and, through the efforts of multiple donors of time and materials, built the structure at no cost to the Fairfax Fire and Rescue Department. The nearly completed project began in August of this year and is operational at this time. The concept for this building came from within our own ranks, beginning several years ago. Through the talent, foresight, and ingenuity of several Department and task force personnel, this vision has become a reality. ❖

Top 10 Activity Report

July Through December 2003

Ambulance		Engine Company		Rescue Company	
Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls
A 413	1,371	E 410	1,617	R 421	901
A 408	1,176	E 421	1,614	R 426	856
A 409	1,109	E 409	1,547	R 418	789
A 430	1,106	E 422	1,539	R 401	755
A 434	1,001	E 408	1,534	R 411	649
A 411	980	E 429	1,498	R 439	509
A 414	980	E 401	1,480	R 419	495
A 410	951	E 413	1,469	R 414	468
A 431	897	E 411	1,442		
A 428	877	E 425	1,406		
Medic		Battalion Chiefs & EMS Captains		Ladder Company	
Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls
M 418	1,626	EMS 4	904	T 429	831
M 422	1,436	EMS 5	776	T 410	830
M 421	1,377	EMS 3	769	T 425	754
M 426	1,360	EMS 2	741	T 408	732
M 408	1,333	EMS 6	718	T 422	631
M 425	1,318	EMS 1	598	T 430	606
M 410	1,281	BC 04	401	T 436	571
M 429	1,266	BC 03	352	T 411	546
M 417	1,242	BC 02	320	T 405	545
M 404	1,228	BC 06	299	T 401	539

Unit activity is compiled from the event history file. A unit must be dispatched to a call or added on to be counted. Mutual aid dispatches are included in the activity report.





11th Annual Retirement Celebration

The annual retirement celebration, held in November, is the only event scheduled by the Board of Directors of the Firefighters' Fund of Fairfax County as a fundraiser. This year 253 people attended the celebration honoring 42 Department personnel who retired from November 2, 2002, to November 8, 2003. Fire and Rescue Station 1, B-Shift, won possession of the Pass Along Award for the highest attendance of a fire and rescue station or office. Congratulations Station 1, B-Shift. ❖

Retirees Honored at the 2003 Retirement Celebration

Lieutenant James P. Bernazani
July 17, 1978 – May 6, 2003

Master Technician Olin E. Carper
December 12, 1973 – December 27, 2002

Master Technician Beverly F. Carroll
October 15, 1974 – November 29, 2003

Captain II Lawrence M. Carter
October 23, 1978 – May 30, 2003

Captain II R. Steven Cochran
August 20, 1973 – August 25, 2003

Engineer II Richard F. Derrickson
September 15, 1969 – May 2, 2003

Deputy Chief Jeffrey L. Donaldson
June 21, 1976 – May 2, 2003

Captain II Leo J. Fayette, Jr.
April 29, 1998 – August 8, 2003

Lieutenant Dennis C. Fiddler
February 28, 1977 – March 8, 2003

Lieutenant Lawrence A. Hanger
April 1, 1974 – February 7, 2003

Master Technician Stephen C. Hartman
June 28, 1971 – February 17, 2003

Captain II Barry W. Jacobs
September 5, 1978 – September 25, 2003

Captain I Gerald Jaskulski
September 29, 1975 – February 7, 2003

Lieutenant Timothy R. Jeter
December 5, 1977 – July 11, 2003

Technician Donald R. Jewett
December 5, 1977 – December 4, 2002

Battalion Chief Larry B. Johnson
August 1, 1966 – November 29, 2002

Captain II John G. Kessel
April 1, 1974 – November 29, 2002

Deputy Chief Carl A. Maurice
May 17, 1971 – August 1, 2003

Lieutenant Patrick J. Morrison
July 26, 1982 – January 10, 2003

Lieutenant Calvin L. Parks
February 12, 1979 – January 24, 2003

Technician Randolph M. Payne
July 17, 1978 – July 26, 2003

Battalion Chief Ralph F. Phillips
January 24, 1972 – December 13, 2002

Lieutenant Michael J. Piantedosi
February 28, 1977 – November 29, 2002

Technician Michael N. Ragland
December 5, 1977 – December 25, 2002

Firefighter Garfield R. Rodriguez
April 9, 1990 – February 7, 2003

Master Technician Kenneth W. Sanders
January 2, 1973 – January 10, 2003

Technician Stephen M. Schmidt
May 31, 1983 – May 31, 2003

Captain I Wilfrid L. Seng III
June 2, 1980 – June 13, 2003

Lieutenant Clayton J. Smith, Jr.
June 21, 1976 – December 13, 2002

Technician Homer M. Smith
January 16, 1974 – January 6, 2003

Lieutenant Wayne P. Smith
December 5, 1977 – December 19, 2002

Lieutenant Anne L. Spieker
February 28, 1988 – May 16, 2003

Firefighter Steven W. Spriggs
October 15, 1974 – April 4, 2003

Firefighter Cecil C. Starkey
April 2, 1973 – April 18, 2003

Fire Chief Edward L. Stinnette
January 2, 1973 – May 2, 2003

Master Technician Kevin S. Swartz
January 24, 1983 – January 24, 2003

Battalion Chief Michael Tamillow
January 2, 1973 – November 20, 2002

Captain I Rogers L. Taylor, Jr.
July 17, 1978 – May 30, 2003

Howard D. Timmons, Vehicle Coordinator
December 3, 1973 – May 2, 2003

Captain I Philip R. Tricarico
October 23, 1978 – July 25, 2003

Lieutenant Daniel L. Whitmer
December 5, 1977 – July 25, 2003

Battalion Chief Edward G. Wine
November 18, 1968 – November 29, 2002



Retired Technician Norman Beach and his wife Sarah greeted attendees on November 8, 2003, at the Annual Retirement Celebration for the Firefighters' Fund. Mr. and Mrs. Beach have been the Fund official greeters for most of the eleven years.



Technician Mark Briskey and his wife Colleen (first and second on the left foreground) attended the Retirement Celebration along with most of the personnel from Fire and Rescue Station 1, B-Shift.

Large Loss Fire Investigations

Date: 06/04/03 Box: 1091 Address: 3413 Carlin Springs Road Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Kitchen Value: \$2,100,000 Loss: \$90,000 Status: Closed
Date: 06/06/03 Box: 2208 Address: 660 S. Springfield Court Drive Type: Vehicle Cause: Incendiary Value: \$415,000 Loss: \$415,000 Status: Open
Date: 06/08/03 Box: 2125 Address: 2822 Misty Pond Court Type: Residential Cause: Incendiary Value: \$300,000 Loss: \$300,000 Status: Inactive
Date: 06/12/03 Box: 1401 Address: 5417 Crossrail Drive Type: Residential Cause: Undetermined Value: \$150,000 Loss: \$154,500 Status: Inactive
Date: 06/12/03 Box: 1409 Address: 6110 Hatches Court Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Lightning Value: \$100,00 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 06/13/03 Box: 2606 Address: 6274 Edsall Road Type: Residential Cause: Incendiary Value: \$5,818,120 Loss: \$150,000 Status: Closed
Date: 07/01/03 Box: 0112 Address: 1214 Richmond Avenue Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Lightning Value: \$500,000 Loss: \$150,000 Status: Closed
Date: 07/18/03 Box: 2004 Address: 10880 Park Road Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$360,000 Loss: \$130,000 Status: Closed
Date: 07/25/03 Box: 2400 Address: 8567 Richmond Highway Type: Residential Cause: Undetermined Value: \$990,000 Loss: \$250,000 Status: Inactive
Date: 07/26/03 Box: 0500 Address: 6024 Franconia Road Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Kitchen Value: \$300,000 Loss: \$80,000 Status: Closed
Date: 08/09/03 Box: 1802 Address: 2862 Dover Lane Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Candle Value: \$321,250 Loss: \$175,000 Status: Closed
Date: 08/15/03 Box: 1514 Address: 13627 Bennet Pond Court Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Smoking Value: \$500,000 Loss: \$200,000 Status: Closed
Date: 08/29/03 Box: 2105 Address: 12214 Waples Mill Road Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Smoking Value: \$225,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 09/23/03 Box: 0946 Address: 6051 Crimson Court Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$2,000,000 Loss: \$500,000 Status: Closed
Date: 09/27/03 Box: 4218 Address: 218 Maple Avenue Type: Commercial Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$1,912,500 Loss: \$500,000 Status: Closed
Date: 10/15/03 Box: 1506 Address: 4390 Henninger Type: Commercial Cause: Undetermined Value: \$4,000,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Inactive
Date: 10/19/03 Box: 1126 Address: 4007 Blue Slate Drive Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$363,000 Loss: \$200,000 Status: Closed
Date: 10/24/03 Box: 3905 Address: 1306 Hunter Mill Road Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Furnace Value: \$100,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed

2003 Fire Prevention Week Battalion Open House Winners



Battalion 401
Reston Fire and Rescue Station 25



Battalion 402
McLean Fire and Rescue Station 1



Battalion 403
West Centreville Fire and Rescue Station 38



Battalion 404
Bailey's Crossroads Fire and Rescue Station 10



Battalion 405
Burke Fire and Rescue Station 14



Battalion 406
Kingstowne Fire and Rescue Station 37

Awards & Presentations

Outstanding Performance Award

Battalion Chief Edward M. Brinkley

Career Achievement Award

Master Technician Joseph K. Swift
Lieutenant Michael B. Davis
Master Technician John A. Helfrich
Lieutenant Carolyn R. Ruwe

Meritorious Service Award

Master Technician James R. Low

Citizen Valor Award

Ms. Kathleen Bibik
Mr. Joseph Vida

Unit Citation

9239 Rockefeller Lane

Ambulance 435

Firefighter Clayton Thompson III
Firefighter Trina L. Mosier

Team Performance Award

9215 Capricorn Court

Medic 432

Lieutenant Cynthia L. Brown
Technician Cindy S. White

Ambulance 414

Technician Samuel L. Poles
Technician Francis O. Mensah

Engine 414

Lieutenant Richard A. McKinney
Technician Diron D. Powell
Firefighter Carolyn P. Carmody

8010 Seven Woods Drive

Engine 409

Captain I Tyrone J. Harrington
Master Technician Kevin R. Coen
Firefighter Roosevelt Carson
Firefighter Michael P. D'Amico

Medic 409

Lieutenant Matthew P. Malof
Lieutenant Anthony L. Liddell

Ambulance 409

Firefighter Angel M. Melendez
Technician Kathleen M. Earl

Safe Driving Award

3 Years

Firefighter Jason M. Roberts
Firefighter Timothy O. Barb
Firefighter Sean D. Hodgson
Firefighter Joseph C. Morris

6 Years

Captain I Kathleen M. Stanley
Technician Daniel D. Shaw
Technician James H. Williams
Firefighter Scott E. Herbert
Firefighter Stefan C. Gansert
Technician Lloyd B. Jackson
Technician David E. Myers

15 Years

Master Technician Timothy A. Sparrow
Technician Michael D. Macario
Firefighter Richard D. Riley
Technician Joseph M. Jones
Firefighter Raymond W. Tricarico
Master Technician John A. Helfrich

Fire Mark Award

(Sponsored by Liberty Mutual)

Lieutenant Samuel L. Gray
Lieutenant Edward D. Bowman
Technician Thomas L. Flint

Sons of the American Revolution Present Medals



Two off-duty firefighters, Lieutenant Daniel T. Young, (second from left) Recruitment Section, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and Lawrence C. Keames (third from left) a volunteer firefighter with the Dale City Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, were credited for saving the life of a man trapped in a burning house. Members of the Colonel Fielding Lewis Chapter of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) recognize Lieutenant Young and Lawrence Keams for heroism.

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Fire and Rescue Department web site.
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fire>**



Personnel at Chantilly Fire and Rescue Station, B-Shift, invited Dr. Stewart to dinner and presented him with a watch to thank him for his unwavering support during Technician Mark G. Briskey's recovery and time of need.



The Liberty Mutual "Firemark Award" is presented to Lieutenant Samuel L. Gray, Technician Thomas L. Flint, and Lieutenant Edward D. Bowman, Fire and Rescue Station 1, A-Shift, by Kerry Gross and Joseph Schneider of Liberty Mutual. Fire Chief Michael P. Neuhaard (far right) was present during the ceremony. The Firemark Award is presented annually to firefighters throughout the country who best represent their communities through courageous valor and selfless spirit.



From left to right: Joseph Vida, Fred Ankla, Kathleen Bibik, and Lieutenant Colin D. Flanigan, Fire and Rescue Station 29, A-Shift. Mr. Ankla, second from left, collapsed at work and was revived by coworkers Kathleen Bibik and Joseph Vida. Ms. Bibik initiated CPR with Mr. Vida's assistance and using an AED they successfully revived Mr. Ankla.



Six-year-old Austin Urban (standing to the left of Sparky, the fire dog) was recognized at a class assembly at Willow Springs Elementary School for extraordinary actions taken when his neighbor, Earle Knudson, fell from a second-story window while on a 24-foot ladder.



The Progressive Firefighters of Fairfax County, Inc., recognize the efforts of Brian Able, Chadwick's; Bruce Witucki, Union Street Public House; and J. B. Samuel, Stardust Restaurants; during their toy collection drive at Fire and Rescue Station 24. Master Technician Willie Bailey (second from right), helped coordinate the overwhelmingly successful event. Participants provided over 700 toys during the holiday season to needy children.



Santa and friends visited Inova Fairfax Hospital to bring Christmas cheer to children hospitalized over the holidays. The Reston Chamber of Commerce and Oracle Corporation donated gifts that were presented by Santa Claus (aka Captain II James T. Ghi, Fire and Rescue Station 25, A-Shift) and Sparky, the fire dog (aka Cecil Starkey, Public Information and Life Safety Education), and Captain II Charles R. Hawkins, Fire and Rescue Station 8, C-Shift.

Community Programs Spotlighted

The Progressive Firefighters of Fairfax County, Inc., and other Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department firefighters, gathered toys at the BearingPoint, Inc., annual Christmas party on December 13, 2003. The Progressive's Toy Collection at Fire and Rescue Station 24, acknowledges the support of Chadwick's, Union Street Public House, and Stardust Restaurants that provided over 700 toys. Additionally, Lake Ann Nursery Kindergarten students and their parents donated numerous new, unwrapped toys to help children less fortunate. Left to right: Captain II Clayton Thompson, Captain II Richard A. Sweatt, Amy Dailey, BearingPoint representative, Master Technician Willie Bailey, Captain I Kevin Thomson, Lieutenant George Hollingsworth, and Lieutenant Raul Castillo.



After showing off his culinary prowess to a local audience, Lieutenant Papoutsis shares his Greek Isle Seafood Medley with Holly Morris, Fox 5 News, during her early morning show.

As a top ten finalist in the National Firefighter's Cook-N-Ladder competition sponsored by McIlhenny, makers of Tabasco, Lieutenant Thomas J. Papoutsis, Fire and Rescue Station 29, B-Shift, traveled to New York City on February 3 with his Greek Isle Seafood Medley recipe. Tom competed with nine other firefighters from around the nation. While he did not place in the competition, he said "it was an honor and privilege to represent the department in the competition, although I regret not finishing in the top three. None-the-less, it was a great time, meeting great people, and everyone was a winner in this competition." Tom would also like to thank everyone that supported him throughout this experience.

Firefighter Receives U. S. Citizenship Certificate



Firefighter Edwin Flores, fifth from left in the front row, proudly displays his Certificate of Citizenship as a United States citizen on Thursday, October 15, 2003, at George Mason University, Virginia Square. Personnel from the Baileys Crossroads Fire and Rescue Station 10, B-Shift, were present with Edwin and his family on this special occasion.

"Taking Up"



Captain II
R. Steven Cochran

Entry Date: August 20, 1973

Retirement Date: August 25, 2003

Assignments: 3, 13, 15, Recruit School, 14, 3, 25, 8, 32, 2 Apparatus Section, EMS4, EMS3, EMS3, EMS2, EMS 403, and EMS 401.

Likes about the Fire

Department: The satisfaction of helping someone who truly needs it. The lack of routine - if you are bored, wait an hour and the fates will find a new challenge to set before you.

Will miss about the Fire

Department: Late night calls. The citizens and visitors to Fairfax County (the folks I really work for) who go to great lengths to find new and interesting ways to keep me on my toes. The (fire department) family who adopted me over 30 years ago.

Plans for the future: Play the bagpipes and travel.

Words of wisdom: The fire department is a family, although recently it seems there have been more squabbles than hugs. Thirty years ago it didn't matter if you were paid or volunteer EMS or suppression, black or white, male or female, if you needed help, you got it.

You didn't even have to ask for it. Work to rebuild that family. Look for ways to come together, not pull apart.

What got you interested in the fire service? An advertisement in the GMU paper offering free sleeping space to anyone who wanted to volunteer three nights per week at Station 3.

Who or what made an influence in your career?

Stuart Fox, Glen Curtis, Hugh Robertson, Gene Daily, "Chic" Seay, Frank Tullock, Elizabeth Harding, and Glenn Ludtke.



Lieutenant
Peter M. Sherwood

Entry Date: September 12, 1987

Retirement Date: November 28, 2003

Assignments: Fire and Rescue Station 9, 22, 32, 35, Relief 5, 8, 19, and Academy

Likes about the Fire

Department: Shift camaraderie and running calls. The way co-workers take care of each other.

Will miss about the Fire

Department: All the people I have met and become friends with.

Plans for the future: Use what I learned as a medic in the private sector.

Words of wisdom: The Fire and Rescue Department offers many different types of job opportunities. Find what you

like to do within the department and be good at it. Take advantage of the opportunity to go to college.

What got you interested in the fire service? After joining the Police Department I realized the Fire Department would have been a better choice.

Who or what made an influence in your career? Jim Dundas, Roger Souders, Jarl Hansen, and Mike Hamrick.



Lieutenant
Wayne B. Stottlemeyer

Entry Date: April 10, 1998

Resignation Date: November 28, 2003

Recruit School Number: 75th

Assignments: 10, 18, 30, and 26

Likes about the Fire

Department: Close-knit family atmosphere to work and live ten days a month.

Will miss about the Fire

Department: Friendships and family in the station. It really is a family (complete with arguments and misunderstandings).

Plans for the future: Totally dedicated to EMS. Fly with AirCare until I'm too old, and then teach EMS.

Words of wisdom: Come to work and do the very best job possible at what you were

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trained to do. If you don't love what you are doing . . . change.

What got you interested in the fire service? Being a paramedic and taking care of people.

Who or what made an influence in your career? Everyone I have been assigned with, but mostly Battalion Chief Eric Walker and Battalion Chief Tom Wolfe – Thank you.

Retirements

Captain II

R. Steven Cochran

August 20, 1973 – August 25, 2003

Captain II

Barry W. Jacobs

September 5, 1978 - September 25, 2003

Lieutenant

Peter M. Sherwood

March 5, 1979 - November 28, 2003



*Where there is an
open mind, there will
always be a frontier.*

Charles Kettering

Anniversaries

5 Years

Khalil B. Abdul-Rasheed

Michael A. Andreano

Carmen C. Alessi

David W. Barlow

Eli D. Baskerville

Ronald G. Bauserman

Donald R. Brasfield

Richard T. Bright

William D. Brinton

Michael J. Buckley

Matthew C. Burns

MaryAlice Istvan

Richard R. David

Evelyn G. Edwards

Sean M. Fensterwald

Mark E. Fiddler

Thomas L. Flint

Joel M. Fry

Jared B. Goff

Thomas P. Harkin

Patrick T. Kelly

Robert J. Kesock

James P. Korb

Vincent E. Krause

Stacie L. Lawton

John K. Lilley

Matthew J. Louzonis

Kevin D. Makely

Angel M. Melendez

Mark P. Menton

Joseph C. Morris

Susan A. Orsini

Piers C. Osborne

Derrick L. Penny

Diron D. Powell

Robert L. Reid

Dustin K. Rice

George Robbins

Donald W. Rohr

Kristen J. Russell

Kris A. Sacra

Steven C. Schelhammer

William M. Schnaekel

Robert W. Scott

Rodney D. Snapp

Clayton Thompson

Richard M. Trudeau

Vernon R. Tomczak

Shirley A. Walker

Jeffrey J. Werth

Jevon K. Wilson

John H. Woodward

Colleen M. Wuckovich

10 Years

Rickie L. Atkins

Mark C. Baban

Robert A. Banasik

David G. Bender

William M. Best

Jerome J. Bethea

Donald E. Bowers

Douglas E. Butler

Earl J. Burroughs

Anthony L. Cabrera

John M. Chesek

Bradford A. Cochrane

Arthur D. Cox

Charles R. Cunningham

Kevin R. Dabney

Ronald B. Evans

David K. Gruendel

David W. Hall

John E. Higginbotham

James P. Hobgood

Reginald T. Johnson

Joseph E. Knerr

Evan J. Lewis

Svenja E. Leyden

Shirley A. McMillan

Kerwin A. McNamara

Michael C. Nelson

Stephen T. O'Brien

Timothy W. Palmer

James A. Perkins

Ronald S. Pifer

Karl D. Roche

Mark A. Schroeder

Hao T. Sevener

John M. Stetter

Asia N. Stoltmann

Antonio D. Trammell

John L. Walser

Chester E. Waters

Wade H. Watson

Dennis J. Webb

15 Years

Warren H. Artis
 Manuel A. Barrero
 Lawrence M. Braswell
 Carlton G. Burkhammer
 Larry W. Cox
 Richard A. Dawley
 Dale W. Dommel
 Debra F. Dovel
 Eric K. Fisher
 Roger K. Gent
 Toussaint M. Holland
 John D. Imlay
 Edward F. Imperato
 Joseph P. Kieler
 Tony C. Kostecka
 Kenneth L. McDaniel
 John F. Linhart
 Robert S. Lison
 Brian E. Moravitz
 Anthony D. Mullins
 Thomas J. Papoutsis
 Ralph M. Pisani
 Elton W. Polen
 Sean A. Powell
 Karl C. Sallberg
 Samuel L. Sandeen
 Ravinder K. Sidhu
 Jeffrey L. Smith
 Jon W. Snyder
 David P. Tobin
 Richard F. Twomey
 Marcus D. Williams
 Thomas C. Williams
 Cheryl S. Wood
 Kelly Woolf
 David S. Wright

20 Years

David J. Thomas
 Francis X. Burns

25 Years

Eugene W. Beach
 Lester R. Brown
 Darlene Clark
 Tyrone J. Harrington
 James T. Harrison
 Charles G. Jacobi
 Barry W. Jacobs
 Robert T. Kevan
 Robert Lynch

Leonard S. Murry
 Randolph M. Rayne
 Michael T. Reilly
 Charles G. Rosenberg
 Jerry L. Smith
 Martha A. Smith
 Rogers L. Taylor
 Clayton Thompson
 Richard P. Tricarico
 William B. Wheatley
 Michael C. Wickwire

30 Years

William S. Borger
 Anthony P. Bull
 Robert S. Cochran
 Lionel G. Duckwitz
 Judy E. Johnson
 Robert E. Rhea
 Charles S. Ruble
 Dean R. Sherick
 James W. Swiggett
 Thomas J. Wealand

New Hires

Jason R. Abitz
 Dawn C. Amway
 Virginia K. Austria
 Derek K. Baker
 Peter B. Besong
 Steven R. Bonkoski
 Joshua R. Brandon
 Herbert H. Brown III
 Gary L. Buckley
 Allan R. Burchell
 Gary J. Butler
 Patrick A. Butler
 Dennis S. Camacho
 Ryland W. Chapman
 Michael C. Coachman
 Andres Collado
 Mary Kate Costello
 Matthew W. Davis
 Patrick S. DeVera
 Jason C. Earl
 Archie S. Fellows
 Adam P. Feyen
 Ryan S. Fletcher
 Charles H. Ford
 Monique M. Joseph

Ian M. Kelly
 Hyun J. Lee
 Keith D. Lindley
 Javier M. Lopez
 Dana E. Mann
 James T. Martin
 Isagani M. Matias
 Wendy Y. Mitchell
 David T. Orsi
 Peter Osborne
 Tae K. Pak
 Brenda Pamperin
 Ralph F. Phillips
 Scott C. Powell
 Scott E. Schermerhorn
 Anthony D. Shockley
 Mariano J. Siles
 Facundo M. Silva
 Clarence H. Sims
 Kevin J. Steinhilber
 Michael S. Taylor
 John J. Tedesco
 Karen M. Torpey
 Sean M. Wilson
 Mark R. Wolfen
 Michael R. Worthington
 Robert C. Young
 Todd M. Young
 Peter G. Zagarites
 Scott Patrick Zugner





Station Profile

Fairview Fire and Rescue Station #32

Captain II
Donald E. Simpson
Station Commander

Station constructed: 1980

Station specialty: Boat and brush unit.

Square miles in first due area: 19.9

Specific hazardous/target areas: Norfolk-Southern Rail Road, chemical transport and VRE commuter trains. About four miles of track. Several thousand acres of remote park land along Occoquan Reservoir and Bull Run.

Total calls in 2003: 3,324

Equipment assigned to station: Engine, medic, brush, and boat.

Station personnel: **A-Shift:** **Captain I Thomas W. Ryan**, Lieutenant David W. Hall, Lieutenant Dale R. Moxley, Master Technician David J. Higgins, Technician Timothy E. Fowler, Firefighter Michael R. Ortmann, and Firefighter John H. Woodward. **B-Shift:** **Captain II Donald E. Simpson**, Lieutenant Cynthia L. Brown, Lieutenant Thomas C. Meloy, Master Technician Keith E. Pearson, Technician Cindy S. White, Firefighter Richard S. Hammersley, and Firefighter Susan J. Varholy. **C-Shift:** **Captain I David E. DiCola**, Lieutenant Alan G. Gray, Lieutenant Natalie D. Robb, Master Technician Philip A. Jenkins, Technician Dustin K. Rice, Firefighter Felicia N. Cooksey, and Firefighter B. Wayne Talbert.

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